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We are pulling all OB info together now for your use. The attached are all Hqtrs could contribute. Note & return

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TO : Chief of Station, Lincoln

DATE

FROM: Chief, WH

SUBJECT { GENERAL Support Material
SPECIFIC Guatemalan C.B. Information

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1. KULYNX was requested to obtain latest O. B. information on Guatemalan forces, and has provided the following information:

[] prepares no ground forces O.B. report as such, because the Guatemalan army has no tactical units as we know them. The Guatemalan army consists of 6 military zones (400-600 troops in each) plus the capital and its troops.

"The Capital: [] has:
Best O.B. [] has:
R-5-52 (1st regiment)
R-7-52 (2nd regiment)

"Six military zones:

1. R-64-53
2. R-112-53 (R-154-53 noted change of commander on 12 November 53 to Col. Bernardo ORDONEZ Juarez)
3. R-62-53
4. R-4-52 (January 1953 change of commander to Col. Augusto COMDE Mendizabal)
5. R-66-53 (R-154-53 notes change of commander on 12 November 53 to Col. Pedro MEYER Aragon)

"Three military bases:

1. Puerto Barrios (R-131-53 stated the ODIBEX representative not able to visit; therefore, best [] has is IR-47-52)
2. San Jose (R-56-53 no subsequent changes)
3. El Peten (R-21-53 1 November 53 notes change of commander to Col. Rafael MENENDEZ Rios)"

"In addition, there is General Headquarters which is not part of

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O.B. R-159-53.

"Air O.B. Guatemala

IR-47-52

IR-112-53 (20 Nov 53)

Personnel Strength:

IR-29-54 (3 Feb 54)

Air O.B. and State of Readiness

IR-28-54 (3 Feb 54)

Summary of Aircraft Strengths

IR-27-54 (3 Feb 54)

2. Headquarters records show that the material requested by Terence E. GASSETT on his trip to Headquarters in early April 1954 almost duplicates the above lists. Such material has been supplied to Lincoln as furnished to the desk. However, if Lincoln still lacks any of the above documents, Headquarters should be requested to obtain them.

3. Attached are copies of R-5-52, R-7-52, R-64-53, R-114-53 and IR-47-52 which will in most cases duplicate material already in Lincoln files, but which may prove useful in duplicate.

OLIVER G. GALPOND

Attachments - as above

12 May 1954

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